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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

REF STATE 070302 AND 0 88033

FOLLOWING IS THE COUNTRY TEAM'S RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS
POSED REFTEL:

I. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. RELATIVE PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS AMONG CATEGORIES FOR
DIRECTION OF MISSION EFFORT:

30 PERCENT - YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (YOUTH WINGS OF
POLITICAL PARTIES, YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS,
ETC).

5 PERCENT - YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS

10 PERCENT - YOUNG BUREAUCRATS
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

10 PERCENT - MEDIA

5 PERCENT - LAW

5 PERCENT - BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

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- 5 PERCENT - MEDICINE
- 10 PERCENT - EDUCATION (YOUNG FACULTY AND
ADMINISTRATION)
- 5 PERCENT - ARTS AND LETTERS
- 5 PERCENT - YOUNG LABOR LEADERS
- 5 PERCENT - UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS (LEADERS OF
STUDENT GOVERNMENT, OF UNIVERSITY REFORM
MOVEMENTS, AND OF UNIVERSITY AFFILIATES OF
POLITICAL PARTIES)

- 5 PERCENT - SELECTED UNIVERSITIES OR FACULTIES OF
PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE (SPECIFICALLY FOURAH
BAY COLLEGE, NJALA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, AND
MILTON MARGAI TEACHERS COLLEGE)

B. RATIONALE - THE YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS ARE CON-
SIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT SIGNLE CATEGORY IN THE EVOLVING
ONE- PARTY STATE OF SIERRA LEONE AS IT IS FROM THEIR RANKS
THAT THE PREPONDERANCE OF NEW PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE BEING
SELECTED, WHO EVENTUALLY WILL GO ON TO POSITIONS OF
INFLUENCE IN THE CABINET.

THE YOUNG BUREAUCRATS AND ACADEMIC INTELLIGENTSIA ARE
INFLUENTIAL BECAUSE OF THE POLITICIANS' HEAVY DEPEND-
ENCE UPON THEM TO CONCEIVE, STAFF AND EXECUTE NEW GOVERN-
MENT POLICIES. THE LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AMONGST THE NEW CROP OF PAR-
LIAMENTARIANS IS LOW AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THEY WILL
PROBABLY BE EVEN MORE DEPENDENT THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS
ON THE ADVISE OF THE EXPERTS.

C. SHORT TERM YOUTH IMPACT - THE CUBAN- TRAINED APC
POPULAR MILITIA COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT
ON U. S. INTERESTS. IN THE RECENT ELECTION, IT WAS USED
TO SUPPRESS AND INTIMIDATE THE OPPOSITION THROUGH VIOLENT
MEANS. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LEADERSHIP HOSTILE TO THE
U. S., IT COULD BE USED TO HARASS AND DEMONSTRATE AGAINST
U. S. NATIONALS, PROPERTY OR INVESTORS.

II. OBJECTIVES

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A. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RELATIVE PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS
GIVEN TO THE MISSION' S " YOUTH" OBJECTIVES:

- 30 PERCENT - ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIO

- 20 PERCENT - DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH
LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND

WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS

5 PERCENT - CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES
TOWARD US

5 PERCENT - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS
AND POLICIES

5 PERCENT - I
FLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC US INTERESTS
IN THAT COUNTRY OR REGION

5 PERCENT - FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE
AND US INVESTMENTS IN FUTURE YEARS

5 PERCENT - HELP STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS

5 PERCENT - FOSTER A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

5 PERCENT - ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES
IN DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM

5 PERCENT - ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL
APPROACHES TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS

10 PERCENT - THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH CONTACTS,
UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITICAL
T AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE SOCIETY

B. RATIONALE - ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP AND
DEVELOPING INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH IT ARE THE MOST
IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES. THEY REPRESENT AN ESSENTIAL BASE,
FOR WITHOUT ACCESS AND INFLUENCE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
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DIFFICULT TO PROMOTE U . S. INTERESTS AND ACHIEVE THE OTHER
OBJECTIVES LISTED.

III. RESOURCES

A. FOLLOWING ARE PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS OF RESOURCES
MISSION BELIEVES SHOULD BE APPLIED TO ATTAINING YOUTH
OBJECTIVES:

30 PERCENT - CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS

10 PERCENT - CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS
CU FULL- YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO

5 PERCENT - AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)

5 PERCENT - AMERICAN PROFESSORS (RESEARCH)

10 PERCENT - CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES (LECTURERS.
ETC.)
15 PERCENT - AID TRAINING PROGRAM
25 PERCENT - USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING
(OTHER THAN EXCHANGES)
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A. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS: NONE

B. PRIVATE RESOURCES: EXCHANGES, SEMINARS, PROJECTS,
AND STUDY GRANTS SPONSORED BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AALC,
AAI, CROSSROADS AFRICA, CHURCH GROUPS, ETC., ARE REACHING
A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL LEADERS AND ARE EXPOSING THEM TO
AMERICAN TECHNIQUES, PROCESSES, AND THE DYNAMISM OF
AMERICAN SOCIETY IN GENERAL. BEING PRIVATE ORGANI-
ZATIONS THEY FREQUENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO PERSONS AND/ OR
GROUPS WHO ARE WARY OF TOO CLOSE AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
OFFICIAL AMERICAN PRESENCE. THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SOUGHT
AND BEEN RECEPTIVE TO EMBASSY ADVICE ON THE CONTENT OF
THEIR PROGRAMS AND SELECTION OF LOCAL PARTICIPANTS.

C. PEACE CORPS: GIVEN ITS APOLITICAL ROLE, THE
PEACE CORPS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MISSION YOUTH EFFORT IS
OF A GENERAL AND LONG- TERM NATURE. THROUGH ITS ASSISTANCE
IN CONSTRUCTION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES, THE PEACE CORPS
IS BUILDING A RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL FOR THE U. S.,
NOT UNLIKE THAT ACHIEVED BY THE EARLY MISSIONARIES.
WHILE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE WITH ANY PRECISION THE IMPACT

ON LOCAL YOUTH OF ASSOCIATION WITH PCV'S, THE MISSION
BELIEVES IT IS SIGNIFICANT, AND PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT
FOR IT REACHES A YOUTH POPULATION IN THE INTERIOR OF THE
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COUNTRY, WHICH HAS ONLY SLIGHT EXPOSURE TO OTHER MISSION
EFFORTS.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF "YOUTH"

A. ABOVE AVERAGE

B. NARRATIVE ASSESSMENT:

U. S. FINANCIAL, TRADE AND SECURITY INTERESTS IN SIERRA
LEONE ARE MINISCULE AND ARE UNLIKELY TO BE ENDANGERED IN
THE SHORT TERM FUTURE. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL ORIENTATION
OF THE GOSL AND ITS INCLINATION TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WITH THE U. S. BASED UPON MUTUAL RESPECT WILL
BE INCREASINGLY INFLUENCED IN THE FUTURE BY THE DEMANDRU
OF YOUTH FOR GREATER EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY,
AND GOSL SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN CAUSES (E. G., LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS). A GOSL CHECKED IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO MEET THESE
DEMANDS COULD WELL USE THE U. S., AND WEST IN GENERAL, AS
SCAPEGOATS AND WHIPPING BOYS TO DEFLECT THE DISSATIS-
FACTION OF YOUTH AWAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN IN-
ADEQUATE PERFORMANCE.

C. PERCENTAGE OF USG RESOURCES THAT SHOULD BE EAR-MARKED TO ATTAIN "YOUTH" OBJECTIVES:

1. PERSONNEL TIME OF MISSION STAFF:

(A) 15 PERCENT

12 TOTAL MAN MONTHS

(B) TIME SHOULD BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS;

CONTACT WORK: 40 PERCENT

REPORTING: 5 PERCENT

PROGRAM WORK: 55 PERCENT

(C) DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG AGENCIES FOR THE TOTAL PERSONNEL TIME DEVOTED TO YOUTH EFFORT:

STATE 50 PERCENT

USIA 50 PERCENT

(N. B. THERE ARE ONLY STATE AND USIA PERSONNEL AT POST
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ALTHOUGH ONE STATE OFFICER HAS PART-TIME RESPONSIBILITY

FOR AID AFFAIRS).

2. APPLICATION OF PROGRAM RESOURCES:

25 PERCENT OF CU BUDGET

25 PERCENT OF USIA BUDGET.

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